

REMARKS

Claims 1-11 are pending in the application and stand rejected. Claim 6 is hereby canceled.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C §102

Claims 1-4 and 6-11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,629,980 to Stefik et al. In particular, the Examiner finds that, with regard to claim 1, XXX discloses all of the claimed limitations. Applicants have reviewed the reference with care, paying particular attention to the passages cited, and are compelled to respectfully disagree with the Examiner's characterization of this reference. In the interest of passing this case to issue quickly, Applicants have also amended the claims to more clearly set forth the differences between Stefik and the claimed invention. As the Examiner will appreciate, Stefik does not disclose the claimed limitations such as, *inter alia*, combining editing data with computer graphics character data items to thereby impart an additional feature to the computer graphics character. Applicants therefore respectfully submit that the claims as amended herein are novel and patentable over Stefik.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C §103

Claim 5 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Stefik in view of the Examiner's Official Notice. Applicants submit that claim 5 as amended herein is now novel and nonobvious over Stefik.

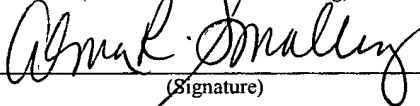
In view of the above, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and respectfully urge the Examiner to pass this case to issue.

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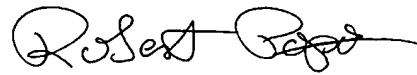
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